

# MYSTERIES OF SAMHAIN

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Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Minor Children (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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## Liability Waiver, Statement of Parental Responsibility, and Community Guidelines Agreement

To participate in the Mysteries of Samhain camp, all registrants 18 and older must sign this liability waiver. All campers age 17 and under must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Please complete and bring to camp with you, and we will also have copies at camp.

I, the undersigned, agree to hold harmless Reclaiming Collective; the Mendocino Woodlands Camp Association; and anyone associated with organizing Mysteries of Samhain from any responsibility or liability for personal injury or loss or damage to personal property incurred by me or my children during Mysteries of Samhain.

I understand and acknowledge that Mysteries of Samhain is being held on land that is in an unimproved natural state and that many hazardous conditions are present, including, but not necessarily limited to: rough terrain, ponds, streams, sink-holes, mud, rock, old fences and other man-made structures, woods, thick vegetation, and areas prone to wildfire. I understand that many activities are held at night in the absence of any artificial light and that many inherently dangerous situations may exist at any time of day or night. I hereby acknowledge these risks and I nevertheless waive and release any and all claims for personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, losses, and/or death that may arise from my own, or my children's participation in the gathering.

I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for the safety and supervision of my children, listed below, at all times during the camp. I agree to abide by any oral or written safety guidelines issued at the time of camp.

I have carefully read the above Release, understand it to be a binding contract covering the entirety of this year's Mysteries of Samhain including transportation to and from camp, and intend that it be interpreted as broadly and inclusively as the law of the State of California allows. If any part of this contract should be held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

I have also read the registration packet and agree to act in accordance with the community guidelines.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name (printed, please): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I reside at: \_\_\_\_\_

The full names of the children I am responsible for at camp are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Code of Ethics & Agreements for Teachers, Mentors, & Onsite Adults

*The Agreement was created by Teen Earth Magic, and has been adopted by Witchlets in the Woods and Redwood Magic.*

**Facilitators and Mentors** in the Reclaiming Tradition are people who take on a sacred responsibility – the mantle of nurturing the spiritual development of individual youth and creating a healthy container for the youth community as a whole.

Whether we take on mentorship in active roles as teachers and facilitators, or whether we help “priestess from the sidelines” by providing one-on-one counseling or providing service with our hands and hearts to the camp, our position of being adults within the youth community carries with it a special energy that can help our younger friends develop a strong sense of self and a spirit of independence and pride. This special energy is power.

One of the most important areas of growth for young people is their sense of self-worth and the development of a healthy identity as a sexual being. In order to help cultivate these beautiful and important qualities in a young person, we must allow them to grow and develop in ways that are healthy for them in the long term.

The relationship between young people and the adults in their lives must be one of power-with and mutual respect if the positive potential of that relationship is to be realized. Facilitators, mentors and adults who engage in inappropriate relationship dynamics with young people -- especially where sexuality is involved -- where that power is abused hurt not only the individuals involved, but the whole community.

### **Camp organizers understand, and expect that facilitators, mentors, and on-site staff understand:**

- There are federal and state laws that prohibit sexual intimacy between people of some ages, and if those laws are broken, it puts the entirety of our camp at risk of permanent closure. California has some of the most strict laws about this in the nation: people under the age of 18 legally are not allowed to engage in sexual activity with one another or with anyone over the age of 18.
- Above and beyond what California state law requires of us, it is important that all facilitators, mentors, and on-site adults be in their integrity in regard to sexual behavior, physical and / or verbal abuse, the use of adulterating substances, and their power as a role model within the youth community. We expect strict adherence by all adults to our clean-and-sober agreements.

**Our intention** is to create a container that is sex-positive and healthy for everyone in our camp community -- one that is empowering for people of every age, sexual preference, and gender. We do not want to in any way bolster the sexual oppression that is so prevalent in our dominant culture, nor do we want anyone to feel repressed in expressing their healthy sexuality or the power that comes from deep within us all. As witches and

pagans, we embrace both sexuality and power as our sacred birthrights, in our magic and as a guiding force in our lives.

We challenge ourselves to take the good road as we examine issues of power, sexuality, and integrity. At times the good road is rocky, unclear, and requires slow and careful navigation. If at any point you have a question about what is the most positive and healthy action for yourself, for the camp, and for our younger comrades in a given circumstance, we strongly encourage you to trust this container and find an ally or group of allies to talk to. If for some reason you do not feel like you can talk to us about the situation you are in, that's a pretty good sign that there are issues of integrity involved and it's especially important that you find someone to talk to right away.

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By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Code of Ethics & Agreements for Facilitators, Mentors, and On-Site Adults. I understand that if my behavior is such that my adherence to this Code of Ethics & Agreements is called into question, appropriate action will be taken. This may include mediation, being asked to leave, or legal recourse if necessary.

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License or Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Magical name or Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_